



CARES ACT SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

ABOUT THE CARES GRANT

The purpose of Broward County's Small Business CARES GRANT program is to aid small businesses that employ 20 employees or less via a working capital grant in support of their general operations. \$25 million available in grants to small businesses under the program will be used to reimburse the costs of business interruption related expenditures caused by COVID-19's required closures and/or operating restrictions. This program would allow for one-time grants to eligible Broward County small businesses. To be considered for funding, applicants must apply through a designated

Portal. The County will also offer free technical assistance from Broward County-identified partners to assist businesses in understanding the eligibility criteria and required documents necessary for preparing applications.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Businesses must meet the following criteria to apply for a one-time CARES GRANT:
- Be based in Broward County (priority given to those in Prosperity Broward Zip Codes: 33023, 33069, 33309, 33311, 33313, and 33319)
- Be a for-profit business or non-profit business
- Have been in operation since October 1, 2019
- Be legally registered, fully licensed (as required by applicable law), and up to date on tax payments/filings through 2018.
- Have been forced to close (deemed non-essential) by the government, experienced economic injury or voluntarily closed to support social distancing due to COVID-19
- Have received \$15,000 or less of assistance through the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), or State of Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Programs (priority will be given to those who received no EIDL, PPP or State of Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Assistance)
- Employs 20 employees or less
- Businesses must attest that they have not received more than \$5000 in small business funding assistance from any other Broward County Municipality using dedicated CARES Act Funding
- Priority will be given to businesses with annual revenues of \$1 million or less

Eligible Uses: Businesses can submit eligible expenses that were incurred between March 1, 2020, and November 30, 2020



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NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE

ABOUT THE CARES GRANT

The purpose of Broward County's non-profit CARES GRANT program is to aid non-profits that employ 25 employees or less via a working capital grant in support of their general operations. Grants to non-profits under the program will be used to reimburse the costs of business interruption related expenditures caused by COVID-19's required closures and/or operating restrictions. This program would allow for one-time grants to eligible Broward County non-profits. To be considered for funding, applicants must apply through a designated Portal. The County will also offer free technical assistance from Broward County-identified partners to assist non-profits in understanding the eligibility criteria and required documents necessary for preparing applications..

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- An IRS 501(c)(3) organization or church that has an established non-profit providing social services for community members
- Legally incorporated as a legal business entity in the state of Florida
- Based in and providing services in Broward County since before October 1, 2019
- An organization that employs 25 or less full-time employees as of March 1, 2020
- Evidence of financial losses due to COVID-19 incurred due to COVID-19 during the period that begins March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020

Priority Criteria:

Funding priority will be given to eligible organizations that meet the following criteria:

- Gross revenues of \$2 million or less in calendar year 2019
- Organization has NOT received COVID-19 related financial assistance through other County, City, State, or Federal loan or grant programs
- Attempted to continue to provide services during the pandemic, particularly providing supportive services to community members impacted by COVID-19

Ineligible Entities:

The following criteria would deem an organization as ineligible to apply for a grant:

- Educational facilities (such as a preschool or school)
- School support organization such as a parent-teacher association, booster club, or an auxiliary organization
- Religious organizations with programs, in whole or in part, that are designated to promote religious or sectarian activities or to encourage the preference of a particular religion or Staff position support (including W-2 employees and 1099 independent contractors) for salaries and related benefits for employees on payroll